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• Community Newsletter •

Village of Shell Lake

Office Hours for Fall/Winter: Tuesday to Thursday – 8am-4pm

Reminders:

- Taxes and Utilities are due December 31. Please ensure these are paid on time to avoid interest and/or tax enforcement.
- garbage must be placed in a garbage can.
- dog and cat licenses are due every year.
- business licenses are due every year – this is not a one-time fee.
- you must apply for a building or development permit PRIOR TO starting any building project.
- Next Council Meeting – November 7, 2026 at 6pm. If you wish to address Council, please forward an email to cao@villageofshelllake with what it is regarding.

As a reminder - I am making changes in the office and updating various systems. As I do so, I need more information from our residents. I would appreciate if you could email me with name, street address (in Shell Lake) and mailing address. As well as telephone numbers and email addresses you would like to have on file. It is important we have mailbox numbers on file (if applicable), as the post office will return mail that only has a street address in Shell Lake. Please email me with this information at cao@villageofshelllake or call 306-427-2272.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ever wonder why local bylaws exist? Far more than just a list of "dos and don'ts", our municipal guidelines are like a shared blueprint for a clean, safe, and welcoming Saskatchewan community. Municipal Bylaws are legally enforceable regulations.

Whether it is keeping sidewalks clear for a morning walk, being a good neighbor with yard care, or making sure our furry friends are safely on a leash, small everyday choices add up to a big impact. When we all pitch in, we protect the charm of our community and make sure everyone feel at home.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our Village a fantastic place to live, work, and grow! Have questions about a local bylaw or need a hand?

Reach out to the village office anytime—we're always here to help.

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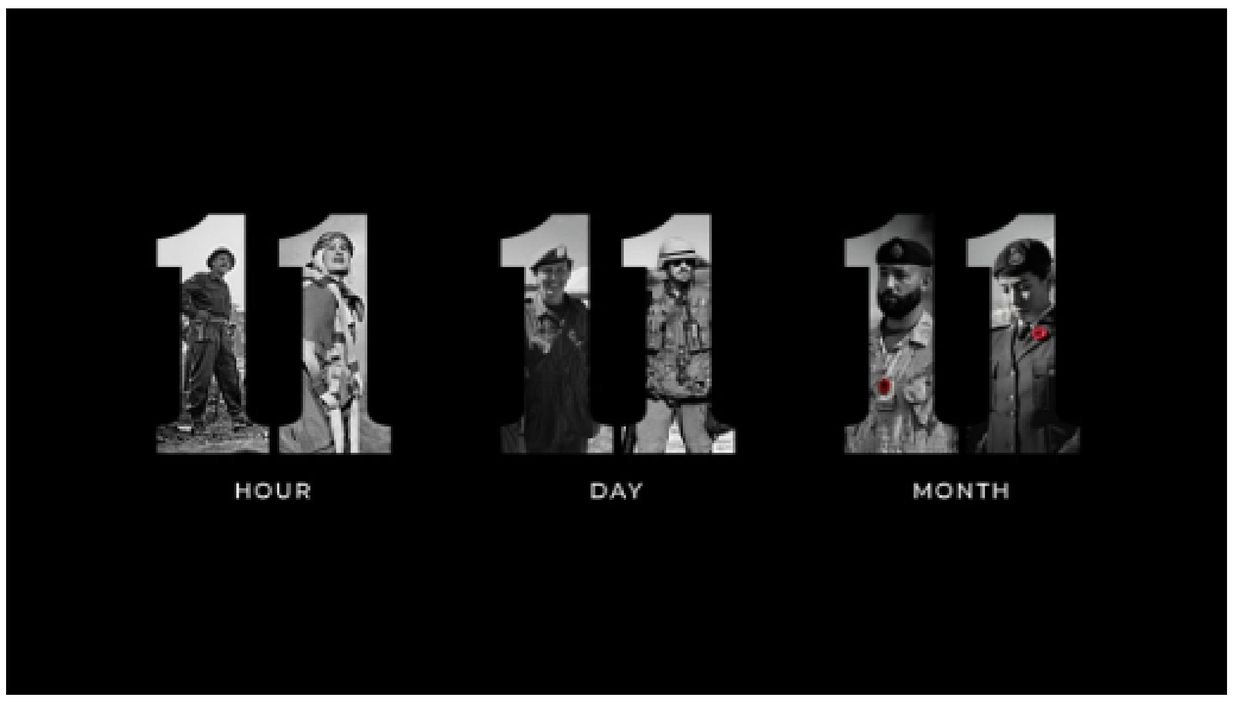
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Shell Lake Museum

Some fall maintenance work has been done. The maple stump has been treated to prevent growth and some exterior painting has been done. Thanks to Kathy and Bruce Stradeski and Bernadette Mysko. Dillan Simonar checked out the furnace in preparation for winter.

Shell Lake Legion

The annual Remembrance Day service will be held on Nov 11th at 10:30 am at Partner's in Worship church. Lunch will follow at the Legion Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.
Winner of the October lottery was John Scapattica.
2027 memberships are now due at $45. Contact Christine. We would welcome new members ay any time. Remember that anyone can join the Legion. You do not have to be affiliated with a veteran.

Our Lady of Smiles

The winter mass schedule is in effect with mass at 2 pm on Sundays with the exception of Nov 14th when mass will be at 4pm so as to accommodate Father attending a prescheduled event.

Shell Lake Events Committee

Join the Shell Lake Events Committee to **Light Up the Town** on December 4th at 6pm. We'll kick off the holiday season with a tree lighting ceremony on Main Street. Local youth will have an opportunity to decorate a Christmas ornament that can be picked up at the town office starting November 17th. Please bring your decorated ornament on December 4th to hang on the tree during the tree lighting. Reminder town office hours are Tuesday to Thursday 8am-4pm.
Afterward, head inside to the Lion's Hall for a cozy family Christmas movie night featuring free hot chocolate and fresh popcorn. Cozy blankets and Christmas PJs and attire are encouraged. Bring your family, friends, and holiday cheer—everyone is welcome to this free community event!

Shell Lake Lions Club

If you have any used **eyeglasses** or/and **hearing aids** that are no longer being used, Shell Lake Lions Club has a drop off box at the Shell Lake Market Store.
These glasses and hearing aids are sent to a central depot in Calgary where they are sorted and distributed to third world countries.

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Village of Shell Lake - Mayors Report

I would like to officially welcome Stefan Cornelissen to the Village of Shell Lake Council. Stefan took his oath of office at the October 20th Council meeting. Congratulations Stefan! Council is looking forward to working together with Stefan.

Also, thank you to Blaine Unger and Richard Urano for stepping forward and letting their names stand. To our residents, wow, what a great voter turnout. Well Done Everyone! This was a by-election to fill the vacant seat on Council. A general election for all Council positions will be held in 2028.

As we are nearing the half way point of the current four year electoral term, I briefly reviewed my notes. I've had conversations with citizens, municipal adminstration, councillors, government agencies, MLA's, MP and municipal partners (SUMA,SARM). I have attended SUMA district meetings and convention in person and also zoom, ongoing education that has included in person and online is continuous. As the office was in transition due to the resignation of the Administrator, I attended the office to cover the day to day on a volunteer basis for a few months, until we were fortunate to have Tammy MacSymetz, become our new CAO. I have attended monthly Village Council meetings, committee meetings(I apologize that I missed some, due to scheduling conflicts). I attend the monthly MLRP board meetings and finance committee meetings. I have helped residents in our community that may have consisted of helping with personal property cleanup, watering, weeding and cleaning of community spaces, helping solve property line issues or just a visit on the street sharing concerns. It has been very busy year and I look forward to continuing to do my best for our community, going forward.

Some of the Village capital projects to date: rebuilding of the Shell Lake Curling Rink. This project was started in 2021 with the writing of the ICIP grant application. The final claim of the ICIP grant is to be completed by yearend. The completion of the new Village website. This is a great resource to easily get information to our residents, that includes all required permits required prior to building. The lagoon de-slugging project was completed in the spring of 2026 and the new Zoning Bylaw and Official Planning Statement was started and should be completed in early 2027.

The budget for 2027 is already being discussed including a 5 year capital plan. The constant requirement of making decisions on current and future is always a challenge. The structure of some capital grant funding, includes funds from the Federal, Provincial and also municipal monies. As a small village, to fund a portion (20%) of a major project is very difficult, especially while still addressing the day to day operations and maintaining aging infrastructure. There are many recognized projects and limited funding to complete. Council will continue to focus on realistic and achievable goals while maintaining a strong and carefully administered budget; and work collaboratively with community initiatives, regional, and provincial partners.

As November arrives, may we take time to remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country in the name of freedom and peace. We will remember them. Lest we forget.

Until next month. Take care.

Mayor Wendy



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Next Deadline: November 29th

